

FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF AGING
October 7, 2013

COA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
Rae Ann Butler	Kitty Devilbiss	Carol Krimm, Alderman	Ernell Graham	Ray Brown
David Gray, Comm	Sue Ramsburg	Louise Lynch	Irene Packer- Halsey	Dennis Ford
Millard Haines		Pat Rosensteel	Hermine Bernstein	Jane King, JPI
Ann Holiday		Carolyn True		Meg Motter
Bill Moseley		Debra Savageau		C Paul Smith, Comm
Mary Rice		Virginia Skelley		
Dan Yeeles				

- I. **Call to Order** – RaeAnn Butler called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions** – RaeAnn welcomed all attendees. Guests were present at today's meeting so introductions were done around the table.
- III. **Action on the Agenda** – RaeAnn would like to add the need for members to the Executive Committee under the Nominations Committee portion of today's meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes – There was not a quorum of members today so the September 9th minutes were not approved at this meeting.

V. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Gray spoke about the upcoming presentation of the Needs Assessment to the BoCC. He stated that if you are not able to attend, it can be viewed in the archives on the County website.

Commissioner Gray also talked about a recent presentation by Kelly Shultz regarding drug related issues in the local community. There have been some tragic deaths this year which have been drug related. Senior citizens need to be aware of this issue. There is a possibility that they could be financially exploited by their children or grandchildren for this reason.

Alderman's Report – Alderman Krimm was not present at today's meeting.

VI. CoA Project Presentations– RaeAnn Butler – Some members who had pending presentations are not present at today's meeting. RaeAnn presented information on Adult Daycare of which there is only one in Frederick County. Daybreak currently has open slots available. She also spoke about the large need for mental health services for seniors in Frederick County. There are no geriatric services available.

Needs Assessment update, Jane King – Jane distributed a document which provides a glimpse of the Needs Assessment report. Information was generated by four focus groups meetings, a locally distributed survey, and a look at what the State of Maryland provides locally. Public policy is moving away from institutionalization and working toward aging in place. This is the more affordable option and where seniors want to be as they age. This trend will continue. The senior population will explode in Frederick County and double by 2030. Many seniors would like to be involved in volunteer opportunities. There is no current volunteer network in Frederick County. It is also suggested that government cannot provide everything. There is a need for private/public partnerships to meet the future needs. Jane went over the seven specific goals which are indicated in the Needs Assessment. Ninety percent of surveyed citizens would like to stay in Frederick County as they age. Some of the recommendations for the Commission on Aging/Dept of Aging are to submit monthly articles to the local newspapers, create a speakers bureau which would include individuals willing to meet with the community, and to monitor all key county plans to ensure they include the needs of older residents. It is also important to continue the advocacy role at the state level. Maryland is not very generous

with services to older adults. RaeAnn encourages all members to attend the presentation to the BoCC on October 17th at Winchester Hall.

Nominations – Millard Haines – There is a considerable need for more members to this Commission. There are currently four vacancies and are three members whose terms will end at the conclusion of this year. Another member, Hermine Bernstein recently resigned. Four more current member terms will end in June of next year. There was some discussion among members present and the Commissioners regarding the recent potential members who were not approved. Recently two names were submitted to the BoCC for approval for membership to this Commission. One of those was approved and one is on hold for possible approval. Joyce Grossnickle will be running another advertisement for our vacancies. There will be one service provider slot open at the end of the year. Millard asked for suggestions on how to stimulate more interest in this Commission. Kitty will discuss posting information at the four senior centers with the coordinators. RaeAnn stated that the role of this Commission is primarily an advocacy role.

There was some discussion of holding CoA meetings at Winchester Hall. It is not necessary that the meetings be televised. The broadcasting of the meeting is a good opportunity to educate the public on the activities of this Commission. It may also encourage some interest in obtaining new members.

VII. TSAC, Alderman Krimm – Alderman Krimm was not present at today's meeting.

State CoA, Louise Lynch – Louise was not present at today's meeting. RaeAnn reported that the Chairperson from each County CoA were present at the State CoA meeting last month in Annapolis. Montgomery County presented a report. They presented a plan which will include all departments of the County and their efforts to support seniors.

Partners in Care, Ernell Graham – Ernell was not present at today's meeting.

USM, Ginny Skelley – Ginny was not present at today's meeting.

Adult Public Disabled Review Board, Mary Rice – This Board met on September 16th. DSS presented nine cases and the Dept of Aging presented eight. All cases are receiving appropriate services. The next meeting will be on December 2nd.

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Director, Carolyn True/Kitty Devilbiss – Kitty reported in Carolyn's place today. She distributed a summary of the Older American's Act. If you have any questions, please refer to Carolyn. There was a discussion a few months ago in regard to this Act and its provision for this CoA.

Kitty also presented information on an upcoming event to be held on Saturday, November 9th. The title of the event is *Adapt to the Future* and will highlight ways for senior to age in place. There will be demonstrations and information available.

VIII. Announcements – The Executive Committee will be meeting on October 30th at the Dept of Aging.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

November 4, 2013 - Commission on Aging, Commission on Aging, 1:00 at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD, third floor hearing room. This meeting will not be televised.

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